

House Resolution No. 3317

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Velma Berberich, a cherished resident of Festus, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on July 14, 2007, in the meeting room at the Sacred Heart Rectory; and

Whereas, on July 21, 1917, in rural Quilin, God brought a special gift to Leon and Julia Miget Besand with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Velma, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Velma Berberich will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as moving to Festus at the age of five, attending Sacred Heart Grade School and Festus High School, graduating from McKinley High School in St. Louis in 1935, and being married to Homer Berberich in 1939; and

Whereas, Velma Berberich has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include her children, Pat DeClue, Lynn Ihling, Dan Berberich, and Jim Berberich; her grandchildren, Jeff, Jennifer, Hannah, Nathan, and Carmen; and her great-grandchildren, Kirsten, Garrett, Gavin, Reed, Grant, Graham, Kendall, Bailey, Lane, Leah, and Grayson; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Velma Berberich further distinguished herself by working at Jefferson Memorial Hospital for twenty-one years prior to her retirement, being a member of Sacred Heart Parish and the Festus Fire Department wives' auxiliary, and serving as a volunteer with Meals-on-Wheels and various other organizations; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Velma Berberich is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Velma Berberich at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Velma Berberich, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Ron Casey
District No. 103

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3317, adopted May 8, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker